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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2007 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due November 20, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1050 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 20, 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.